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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND \$4,400,000
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION OF DIVIDENDS \$4,400,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$7,500,000

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LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum.

For Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months 4 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 5 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, August 25, 1884. 1423

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.

3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 at any one year.

4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relatives, of friends, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.

5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.

6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

7.—Deposits may be forwarded by the Post Office by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any value.

8.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the middle of January and beginning of July.

10.—Correspondence containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked *On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business*, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 718

WITH Reference to the above, BUSINESS will be commenced on the 1st MAY, 1884.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 718

Bank.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in London on 18th July, 1884, under the Companies Act 1862, to 1883.)

LONDON BANKERS:

UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.

BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DE-

POSITIVE

At 3 months' notice 3½ per Annum.

" 6 " 4 " 5 " "

" 12 " 5 " 6 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

J. MELVILLE MATSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 16, 1884. 1556

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE beg to give Notice, that we intend to open a BRANCH of our Firm, as Public TEA INSPECTORS and COMMISSION AGENTS, in Canton, for the coming Tea-Season.

MARGESSON & CO.

Macao, 24th November, 1884. 1979

NOTICE.

I HAVE Admitted Mr. NOORMAH HOMED JAIRAZBHOY PEERBOY, as PARTNER in my Firms, carried on at BOMBAY, HONGKONG and SHANGHAI in my own Name, from Kartak Sood 1st Sawant Year, 1841 (19th October, 1854), and the said Firms will henceforth be designated and carried on under the Style of JAIRAZBHOY PEERBOY & CO.'

JAIRAZBHOY PEERBOY.
Bombay, November 10, 1884. 2059

NOTICE.

WITH Reference to the above, Mr. JAIRAZBHOY KHETSEY is authorised to sign our Firms in China from this date.

JAIRAZBHOY PEERBOY & CO.
Hongkong, December 8, 1884. 2060

Intimations.

REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, at Noon, on FRIDAY and SATURDAY NEXT, the 12th and 13th Instant.

For the Chartered Merchantile Bank of India, London and China.

JOHN THURBURN, Manager. For the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

T. H. WHITEHEAD, Acting Manager.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris, C. C. INCHBALD, Acting Agent.

For the New Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited.

J. MELVILLE MATSON, Manager.

Hongkong, December 9, 1884. 2068

NOTICE.

WILLIAM DOLAN, SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER, 22, Praya Central.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, CORK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1884. 256

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.

ALL HOLDERS of NOTES of the

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION (HONGKONG BRANCH), are hereby requested to present them to the LIQUIDATORS of the Bank, when they will be given in Exchange for a Certificate of the value of the Notes deposited.

HOLDERS of NOTES will be required to furnish to the LIQUIDATORS of the Bank, a schedule in duplicate, giving the date of issue, Number and Amount of each Note produced.

Forms of Schedule may be had on application at the OFFICE of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

For the OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR OF THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, by his Attorney, J. MELVILLE MATSON, H. HOWARD TAYLOR.

Hongkong, August 2, 1884. 1285

NOTICE.

THE TEST OF TIME

has been applied to Ayer's Pills, and they have been found to be of great value in the treatment of many diseases.

They have a wonderful effect in removing faults of other catarrhs, but thoroughly yet gently cleanse the bowels, and stimulate and strengthen the heart, digestive and assimilatory organs.

They are also of great service in the cure of piles.

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For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
No. 63, Queen's Road East,
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISARIAT),
ARE NOW
LANDING FROM AMERICA.

TOPCAN BUTTER. Eastern and Californian CHEESE.
CODFISH, Boned.
Primo HAMS and BACON.
Eagle Brand COUNTRY MILK.
Family BEER in 25 lb. kegs.
Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb. cans.
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 2½ lb. cans.
Assorted Canied VEGETABLES.
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage
MEAT.
Stuffed PEPPERS.
Assorted SOUPS.
Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted
MEATS.

Lunch HAM.
Lamb TONGUES.
Clam CHOWDER.
Fresh OREGON SALMON.
Dried APPLES.
TOMATOES.
SUCCOTASH.
Maple SYRUP.
Golden SYRUP.
Cracked WHEAT.
HOMINY.
HONEY.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

DEVOE'S NONPAREIL
KEROSENE OIL.

KAISAR-I-HIND
CIGARETTES
in crystallized Boxes of 100 at \$6.00
per mille.

SPORTING AND RIFLE GUNPOWDER
in 1-lb. Tins.

AGATE IRONWARE.
INSERTION RUBBER.
TEAR'S PATENT PACKING.
HOLMES' DISTRESS SIGNALS.
HITCHCOCK HOUSE LAMPS.
PERFECTION STUDENT LAMPS.

PAINTS and OILS.
TALLOW and TAR.
PITCH and ROSIN.

Ex late Arrivals from
ENGLAND.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
S T O R E S,
including:
ALMONDS and RAISINS.
FRENCH PLUMS.
TEYSONNAT'S DESSERT FRUITS.
JOEDON ALMONDS.

NEW YORK HAMS.
PICNIC TONGUES.
BREAKFAST TONGUES.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

Digby CHICKS.
Yarmouth BLOATERS.
Kippered HERRINGS.
Herrings & M SARDINES.

CAVIAR.
COCAOTINA.
van HOUTEN'S COCOA.
EAT'S COCOA.

COOKING STOVES.

PARLOUR STOVES.

CLARETS
CHATEAU MARGAUX.
CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts
16oz. GRAVES.
" " BREAKFAST CLARET," "

SHERRIES & PORT
SACCOM'S MANZANILLA & AMON
TILLADO.
SACCOM'S OLD INVALID PORT
(1640).
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BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.
1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
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FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
KINAHAN'S WHISKY.
ROYAL GLASGOW WHISKY.
BOORD'S OLD TONIC.
E. & J. DUNNE'S IRELAND WHISKY.
ROSE & LIME JUICE CORDIAL.
MINT PEAS & Co.'S VERMOUTH.
JAMESON'S WHISKY.
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CHARTREUSE.
MARSCHINO.
CURACAO.
ANGOSTURA, BOKER'S and ORANGE
BITTERS.
&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMBON and
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

DAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

C I G A R S.

Fine New Seisin's CUMSHAW TEA, in
5 cent Boxes.
BREAKFAST CONGO @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF
SAFES, CASH and PAPE
BOXES, at Manufacturer's Price.

Hongkong, November 22, 1884. 1870

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

MINERVA-BRUNNEN.

A DELICIOUS NATURAL MINERAL WATER
in Cases of 90 Pints @ \$7.00;
do. 48 Quarts @ \$6.00.

Apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, November 10, 1884. 1870

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s
CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts, \$20 per Case of 1 doz.

Pints, \$12 per Case of 12.

Dubois Frères & de Germon & Co.'s
BORDEAUX CLARETS and
WHITE WINES.

Baxters Celebrated 'Barley-Brew'

WHISKY, \$7 per Case of 1 doz.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1870

FOR SALE.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, April 26, 1884. 1870

TO LET.

NOS. 1 and 4, RICHMOND TRADE, Bon.
ham Road.

The PREMises lately occupied by MESSRS

SAYLE & Co. ('VICTORIA EXCHANGE')

in Queen's Road, with Dwelling-house above

and Godown on Ground-floor. To be let

either in conjunction with Store or separately.

Possession from 1st November next.

Apply to

H. A. WOOLNOUGH,

Hongkong Dispensary.

Hongkong, October 11, 1884. 1870

G O D W N S - T O L E T .

PRAYA EAST and WANCHAI ROAD.

For Particulars, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, April 26, 1884. 1870

TO LET.

N. O. 7, SAVOY TERRACE,

No. 18, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

No. 25b, PRAYA CENTRAL.

No. 41, GRAHAM STREET.

Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, December 2, 1884. 1870

TO LET.

HOUSE, No. 52, LYNDHURST TERRACE.

Thoroughly Repaired and Painted.

Apply to

BELLIJOS & Co.

Hongkong, December 10, 1884. 1870

NOTICES to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP JAPAN,

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE.

SEE WOO,

TAILOR, DRAPER & OUTFITTER,

No. 55, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong

HAS NOW LANDING, FOR SALE:

A LL Kinds of AUTUMN and WINTER
WOOLLEN CLOTHES for DAMASK, REP, and CHETTONES for

Curtains and Covering Furniture.

CHRISTY, GOLDBECK & Co. New Zephyr
Black Diamond and Brown FEELT HATS.

With Lots of Felt and Black SILK
SCARVES, TIES, WHITE DRESS-TIES,

WOLLER WRAPPERS, Coloured and
White KID GLOVES.

WOLLER and MERINO UNDER
SUITS and STOCKS.

White TABLE CLOTHS, NAPKINS,
SILK & CANTER HANDKERCHIEFS and
TOWELS.

Best Kinds of TOILET PERFECTIONS and
SOAPs.

DANSON'S BOOTS, SHOOTING BOOTS,
SHOES and TENNIS SHOES, &c., &c.

A T LOW PRICES.

Hongkong, October 25, 1884. 1870

NOTICE PUBLISHED.

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THEORETICAL and POPULAR
ASPECTS,

BY ERNEST J. EITEL, PH.D., TURING.

THIRD EDITION.

REVISED, WITH ADDITIONS.

Price, \$1.50.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, August 20, 1884. 1870

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND

SINGAPORE.

THE Siamship Cambaya, Captain

WILLIAMSON, having arrived from the

above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby

requested to send in their Bills of Lading to

the Undersigned for countersignature, and to

take immediate delivery of their Goods

from Consignees' risk and expense, and no

Fire Insurance will be effected.

Optional cargo will be forwarded on to

JAPAN, unless notice to the contrary be

given before Noon To-morrow, the 10th

Instant.

All Claims against the Steamer must be

presented to the Undersigned on or before

the 13th Inst., or they will not be recognised.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at

once landed and stored at Consignees'

risk and expense.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 9, 1884. 1870

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

Stocks.

No. of Shares.

Last op.

Position per last Report.

Interest.

Balance & Divid.

Closing Quotations.

Cash.

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Cycles leaves for London.
3 p.m.—Foot-leaf leaves for Shanghai.
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer Ocean leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.
4 p.m.—Bentley leaves for Yokohama and Hong Kong.
4 p.m.—Cochin leaves for Yokohama and Hong Kong.
5 p.m.—Capester leaves for Havre, &c.
6 p.m.—Harp leaves for Shanghai.

Miscellaneous.

Neon.—Local Banks close.

Victoria Regatta.

General Memoranda.

Tuesday, December 16.—
9 p.m.—A.D. C. Performance at City Hall.

Friday, December 19.—
2 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at the residence of J. J. Francis, Esq., Sunbury, Bonham Road.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Established A.D. 1841.

The Dispensary.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
IMPORTERS

DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIES, NURSERY REQUISITES, TOILET REQUISITES, ENGLISH, AMERICAN, AND FRENCH PATENT MEDICINES.

MANUFACTURERS OF Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water, Gingerade, Potas Water, Sarsaparilla Water, and other Aerated Waters.

The Manufacture is under direct and continuous European Supervision.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.40 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1884.

TELEGRAMS.

THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, 11th Dec.
It is considered unlikely that the present Congress will deal with the question of the suspension of silver coinage.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSAN CANAL.—Larvae, and Pempheris, Nov. 17; Massica, Nov. 18; Cuttela, and Glacis, Nov. 28; Androm, and Nasor, Dec. 1.

The next FRENCH MAIL, by the M. M. Co.'s steamer *Yangtze*, passed Cape St. James for this port on Thursday, the 11th instant, at 11.30 a.m., and may be expected to arrive here on or about Monday, the 16th instant.

The Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s steamer *Arabic*, with the American mail, left Yokohama on the 9th inst. at daylight, for Hongkong.

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with the next American mail, left San Francisco on the 22nd ult. for Yokohama and this port.

The S. S. *Glenaruey* left Singapore for this port on the 6th instant.

MESSES. ADAMSON, BUR & Co. inform us that the China line steamer *Pembroke*, from Hamburg and London, left Singapore for this port to-day.

We acknowledge receipt, with thanks, of the schedule of the thirteenth annual flower show of the Hongkong Horticultural Exhibition Society to be held on the 12th and 13th February next.

At a meeting of the St. Mary Magdalene Chapter of Sovereign Princess, Rose Croix of H. R. D. M., No. 73, held Wednesday night, the following officers were invested for the year 1885:—

M. W. S.; Wm. Danby, H. Pringle, Ph. G. Ayres, 1st gen.; F. E. G. Georg, 2nd gen.; Paul Jordan, Treasurer; J. Melville Matson, G. Marshall, E. Mackean, Raphe; R. K. Leigh, Capt. of Guard, A. O. Gourdin, Recorder; J. Hunt, Esq., J. R. Grimes.

As we briefly mentioned in our last night's issue, a fire occurred at Hung Hom village yesterday afternoon. It broke out about a quarter to two in an opium smoking hut, situated at the Eastern end of the village, and before it could be arrested it consumed twenty-two houses. These houses were mostly composed of wood, with tile roofs, and were occupied by workmen employed at the Hung Hom Docks. The manual station at the Docks was run out with all speed, and a number of the Europeans employed there, together with the villagers, did what they could to keep the fire under. To prevent the fire spreading further, one house was pulled down. It was noticeable that the villagers worked like heroes to save the loss house, which is situated close to where the fire was. Their efforts were crowned with success. Several pigs and a number of fowls became a prey to the flames. One magnificent old grunter, weighing about 120, which had been beautifully done by the flames, was found sitting on his launch in a corner of one of the houses, looking as life like as a dead pig well could do. The number of people who have lost their homes by the fire will be between 100 and 200. It is estimated that damage was done to the extent of \$1,000. Inspector Thompson, in charge of Kowloon, rode over from Yau-ka-Ti to the scene of

the fire soon after it broke out, and with a party of police preserved order and rendered much assistance. Later on Mr. G. Horspool, assistant Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, went over to the fire, with the fire launch *Fireman*, and a number of the members of the Fire Brigade. The fire was completely subdued by four o'clock.

The *Mei Nichi Shimbu* is correct in its announcement that Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. are about to withdraw the business agency established in Corea last year. This step is simply a consequence of the utterly poverty-stricken condition of the country, and it probably gives a large enough to support the most modest branch of a respectable firm. Although this circumstance is in many ways regrettable it is by no means unexpected. When the treaties with America, Germany and Great Britain were being negotiated we stated under excellent advice, that trade prospects were of the poorest; and that for years to come business could only be carried on successfully by retail shopkeepers, there being positively no room for a mercantile house. That these prognostications have proved correct the withdrawal of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s agency affords conclusive proof.—*Japan Mail*.

THE REGATTA.

TWENTYNINTH MEETING.

Patron:—His Excellency Sir George Ferrier Bowes, G.C.M.G.

Vice-Patron:—His Excellency Sir W. Dowell, K.C.B., R.N.; His Excellency Major-General Sargent, C.B.; The Honourable Sir George Philibrook, Knt.; Commodore Murray, R.N.; and The Honourable W. H. Marsh, C.M.G.

Stewards:—Colonel Crawford, R.A.; W. M. Drane, Esq.; W. H. Forrester; Colonel Gravell; The *Buff*; Colonel Hobson; 'The Buff'; H. Horatio; Esq.; Honourable W. K. Kewick; A. Moliver, Esq.; Captain R. E. Pearson, R.N.; H. G. Thomason, Esq.; R. N.; Colonel Walker, R.E.; H. E. Wetherell, Esq.;

Committee:—Honourable T. Jackson, (Chairman); C. S. Addis, Esq.; Captain Drane, R.N.; Lieut. Gamble, R.N.; D. Gillies, Esq.; Major Jackson, 'The Buff'; B. Layton, Esq.; J. K. Stewart Lockhart, Esq.; (Hon. Secretary); H. R. Coombs, Esq. (Hon. Treasurer); Judge of the Rowing Race:—H. J. H. Tait, Esq., and R. K. Lyon, Esq.

Umpires and Starters:—Rowing.—A. P. MacEwen, Esq., and E. L. Wood, Esq.; Yachting.—E. Bear, Esq.; Open Sailing Boats.—E. Bonnie, Esq.

Judge of the Sailing Race:—Lieut. Krown, R.N.

The regatta was opened to-day in splendid rowing weather. It was rather cold for spectators in boats and launches when moving against the wind, but for those who were engaged in the races it was the noon of rowing weather. The arrangements for the rowing races, were on the whole, very satisfactory, but there was as usual immense difficulty in getting the boats off. It was thought that by anchoring cork buoys in line off the starting pole, with a small floating string attached, the coxswain might be able to raise their boats in a fixed position. If the buoys had been properly anchored this would no doubt have proved satisfactory, but it was found when the first race was started that the buoys were not in line, and that they were by far too near each other to allow of four eared boats having sufficient room to start with. The Starter's post was, therefore, as usual, no source. Messrs. A. P. MacEwen and Woodin, however, performed their duties as carefully and conscientiously as circumstances would permit. After the second race, the buoys were abandoned and flying starts made. As usual the crews displayed the usual want of punctuality in coming to the scratch in time. When will the men learn to do as they ought to do? Some surprise was expressed for a time at the apparently very fast times made by the boats, but these were easily understood when it was discovered that the Judge's boat was moored some 160 yards short of the mile post. One gratifying circumstance about to-day's proceedings is that there has been no foulng. Messrs. Tripp and Leigh had, after all, rather easy tasks in deciding who were the winners, the lead in all the races being clear and well defined. The course was kept clear throughout the day remarkably well, but the same complaint has to be made about some of the launches with sixteneens running ahead of the rowers too near the boats rowing. At one time this afternoon, there were no less than seven launches ahead of the boats rowing, quite near to the course. In the race for the American cup, several of the boats competing were nearly overturned by the wash from launches running ahead. Spectators in launches should have more consideration for the rowers, whose equanimity and coolness are altogether disturbed by the wash; the course is also frequently materially altered. Captain Bonie and Lieut. Keigwin (of H. M. S. *Victor Emmanuel*) conducted the sailing races with great success and satisfaction to those competing. Unfortunately, the day that suits rowers best is not at all favourable for sailing. So it proved to-day. There were few entries for the sailing ship's boats. We have not been able to obtain particulars of the Yacht Race.

Throughout the afternoon there were many visitors to the Flagship. Among them were Their Excellencies, the Governor, Major General Sargent, Admiral Dowell, Mr. and Mrs. Marsh, the Hon. T. Jackson, etc. Captain Goggin, who was in command, was courteous and obliging to all, and made every one as comfortable as possible. During the afternoon the *Band* of the *Buffs* band, under Band Sergeant Kelly, performed.

the following are the descriptions of to-day's races:—

FIRST DAY,
Friday, 12th December, 1884.

FIRST RACE.—1 P.M.—For Gigs pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers. Men of any Regiment or Corps of Guards, or any European Member of the Police Force. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Outrigged Boats excluded.

SECOND RACE.—2.30 P.M.—'American Cup.' To be rowed in Canton Fours. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5.

THIRD RACE.—1 P.M.—For Gigs pulled by Chinese. Men of any Regiment or Corps of Guards, or any European Member of the Police Force. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5.

FOURTH RACE.—2.30 P.M.—'American Cup.' To be rowed in Canton Fours. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5.

FIFTH RACE.—1 P.M.—For Gigs pulled by Chinese. Men of any Regiment or Corps of Guards, or any European Member of the Police Force. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5.

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